

MORRIS RILEY (1945-2001)

Chesterfield-based accountant and author Morris Riley died from a heart attack earlier this year. Morris's name was not particularly well known in British nationalist circles until February of last year when he obtained a libel judgement against Gerry Gable and Searchlight magazine and was awarded five thousand pounds.

A regular soldier, he spent twelve years in the Army, during which time he became fascinated by the Middle East and in particular with the spy Kim Philby. After serving among other places in Aden, he was discharged in 1972 with an exemplary record, whereupon he retrained as an accountant, and devoted his time to his wife Margaret, his work, and researching parapolitics. The first edition of his book *Philby: The Hidden Years*, was suppressed, but a second edition was published in 1999.

Fascinating life

Morris was no knee-jerk 'racist' - at one time he had an Asian business partner - but he was fiercely patriotic, and on one occasion helped put an INLA terrorist cell behind bars, by exposing their

attempts to track down and kill ex-servicemen. Morris Riley was very keen for the BNP to stock his book on Philby, and those Freedom Books customers who have bought a copy have read the convincing account of treason in high places which he got into print against all the odds. He went on to join the British National Party last year and, despite failing health, started a one-man leafleting drive in his home town.

Good character

Morris always saw the best in human nature, in spite of the depths to which he knew some people could sink. At times he had a mischievous sense of humour. His death came as a surprise, but not a shock; he had been ill for some time. And he will be sadly missed.